

CODED LYRICS WORKSHEET

TEACHER NOTES

LYRICS	LITERAL MEANING	“CODED” - SECRET MEANING
Refrain:		
Swing low,	Come down	Come into slaveholding states
Sweet chariot,	Heavenly vehicle	The Underground Railroad
Comin' for to carry me home..	Taking me to heaven	Take me to freedom in the Northern states or Canada
Verses:		
I looked over Jordan, and what did I see?	I looked over the River Jordan, and what did I see?	I looked over the Mississippi or Ohio River, and what did I see?
A band of angels coming after me	A group of angels coming after me	Workers on the Underground Railroad coming to help me
If you get there before I do, tell all my friends I'm coming too	If you get there before I do, tell all my friends I'm coming too	If I have escaped friends or family, please tell them my escape plan
I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down	I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down	I have good days and bad days
But still my soul feels heavenly bound	But still my soul feels heavenly bound	But I know I will soon escape North on the Underground Railroad